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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring First Lieutenant
Lewis Bennett Challis.

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Whereas, First Lieutenant Lewis Bennett Challis died a hero on August 25, 1944, while serving with the 12th Engineer Combat Battalion, 8th Division;

Whereas, First Lieutenant Challis was killed by a sniper while on patrol in France on Paris Liberation Day and was buried in the Brittany American Cemetery in St. James, France;

Whereas, After 69 years, First Lieutenant Lewis B. Challis is being awarded the Purple Heart, World War II Victory Medal, and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with one Bronze Service Star in recognition of his gallantry in the line of duty;

Whereas, Born in Danzig, Germany (Gdansk, Poland) in 1913, First Lieutenant Lewis B. Challis was the son of Harold Bennett Challis, an American opera singer traveling in Europe;

Whereas, The Challis family escaped Germany in 1917, coming to Peru, Indiana, to live;

Whereas, First Lieutenant Challis attended Peru High School, where he was a member of the Honor's Society, Student Council, and "Narcissus" Yearbook Staff;



Whereas, After graduation, First Lieutenant Challis attended Purdue University, where he initiated in Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity and received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering;

Whereas, First Lieutenant Challis enlisted in the Army on July 30, 1940, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas;

Whereas, Before leaving for duty overseas, First Lieutenant Challis married Jary Cleveland Challis on April 28, 1941;

Whereas, First Lieutenant Lewis Bennett Challis, like millions of other Americans who have answered their country's call, did not seek personal glory, but instead sought peace and freedom for the future generations of our country; and

Whereas, Bravery such as this deserves to be remembered always: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly remembers the
- 2 bravery of First Lieutenant Lewis B. Challis and acknowledges his
- 3 great sacrifice so that our country can remain free.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of First
- 6 Lieutenant Lewis B. Challis.

